

Impulse Dodds' Christmas

F.H. Sweet

OMMY Dodd, "Impulse Dodds," cuttleman, was in Chicago, with his big sale over. And even in Chicago, where sight-seeing cuttlemen were common, Impulse Dodds was a noticeable figure, with his six feet odd, free money ways, and almost perpetual smile.

He paused in front of a small, narrow store, whose one window was full of toys. Inside, the counter and shelves were packed with the same kind of goods.

"Just Santa," said Impulse, aloud. "Believe I'll go in."

He closed his fingers tightly and pushed open the door with his thumb, softly extended.

"Put in his thumb," he grinned, "and—does he pull out a plum?"

In the shop were two men, the one in front of the counter loud-voiced and threatening. "Well," this one was saying, as Impulse entered, "I'll give you just two more days to meet your bill, till the day after Christmas. If you don't pay me in full then, I will take possession."

As the man stalked out, Impulse raised his right foot and swung it back and forth thoughtfully.

"Can I show you anything, sir?" he asked a moment later, as Impulse turned to the counter with a half-regretful frown on his face, adding: "It's just as well you didn't do it, sir. He's a very vindictive man."

"That so? Then I sure wish I had. I don't generally hold back on things, but this city's getting me right scared. I've reined up unusual the last three days. Now 'bout the toys. That man's talk is so easy unraveled. I reckon you'll sell cheap?"

"At almost your own price, sir. There is only this one day to sell, and I don't hope to do enough. I've seen failure for a week past, though for a while I did hope to come out in condition to start again. Now what can I show you?"

"Well, not only one solitary thing in particular, I reckon," scanning the shelves judiciously. "They all look right enticing, and what I didn't buy would make me feel sorry to look at. What'll you take for the bunch?"

The storekeeper moved along the counter, trying to arrange his goods more attractively.

"Look around all you want to," he said amiably. "And there is an easy chair back yonder where you can sit and rest, if you like."

Impulse followed him. "No wonder you can't sell, if you treat all customers like me," he complained. "Now, see here," slapping a big roll of bills on the counter. "How



"How Much," Demanded Impulse.

much? Remember there's only one day for selling Santa stuff."

"Do you mean business?" asked the shopkeeper, a sudden huskiness coming into his voice.

"How much?"

"Fifteen hundred, if you mean the cost. But I warn you it's too late to sell much—"

"Oh, I'm sure a hustler down home," cheerfully, "and I've a hunch I can move Santa goods tolerable brisk the day before the day. Now let's see, fifteen, with a fair per cent for profit and a little for good will makes it just two thousand. There you are," peeling off another bill or two, and then replacing the roll in his pocket. "Now you've got to throw in your services as clerk for the rest of the day."

"But I can't!" began the dazed shopkeeper. But Impulse was at the door.

"Back right soon," he called. "Be getting the goods ready to handle quick."

Outside, Impulse glanced up and down the street. Half a dozenurchins were playing on the sidewalk, two or three were hanging behind a dray, a newboy was crying his woe. Other youngsters were dimly seen among pedestrians and street vehicles. Impulse put two fingers into his mouth and blew a blast that would cover a mile on the prairie. At the same

time the other hand was coming from his pocket with all the coins his fingers could grasp. These were tossed into the air. By the time they had ceased jingling on the sidewalk, fifty more or less grimy little hands were clutching for them.

"Now, you bunch," called Impulse, "just listen to me for a minute. Who's the most no 'count boy in this neighborhood?"

"Crawfish Bobby," answered a voice promptly. "He never stands treat, an' carries every cent home to his ma-a-a."

"And the most unpopular girl?"

There was a short silence, then several of the boys lifted.

"Raggy Sally," said one of them. "She's Peanut Seller Bet's girl, an' when we boys throw mud she fights like a wildcat."

"And gives all of you a mighty good drubbing. I hope," commented Impulse. "Now, boys, the two who bring Crawfish Bobby and Raggy Sally to me get a four-bit piece each, and tell them they'll get another for coming. Now, the lot of you come back, for the show isn't half over."

Ten minutes later, Crawfish Bobby and Raggy Sally stood in front of him. Impulse placed a hand upon a shoulder of each.

"These two are going to be little Santas and give you all a right nice



"Mr. Santa Claus, I Believe Sir," She Began.

present by and by," he called to the rapidly increasing crowd of urchins. "Mind, you'll owe it in part to them. Now stampee into the streets and alleys of the neighborhood and corral every boy and girl you can find, and bring 'em here. Just an hour from now this store'll commence to give out presents, and you'll all get one. Nobody will be missed. Hit the street now, the whole lot of you except these two."

In an hour, the door was thrown open and the rush began, with half a thousand whooping youngsters to make the assault. It was short work, the pillaging of the store, and in forty minutes all was over. And then, just as the hilarious present bearers were scattering into every street and alley, an automobile swerved out from the street traffic and stopped at the curb. In it were an old gentleman and a lady and several girls. The gentleman mentioned some of the urchins to the side of the car, where they were questioned as to the extraordinary spectacle. Then a few words passed between the occupants of the car, after which one of the girls alighted and came to the store. Crawfish Bobby and Raggy Sally were just outside the door, with their arms full.

"You're the little Santa's," smiled the young lady, as she took their hands, "and I just know you had a big time." Then she entered the store and went straight to Impulse.

"Mr. Santa Claus, I believe, sir," she began.

"Why—er—no," stammered Impulse, turning red, "only—er—just as a sort of advance agent, named Impulse—I mean Tommy Dodd."

The girl broke into a ringing laugh. "Impulse! I like that," she cried.

"Now, Impulse Dodd, have you any definite arrangement for the Christmas holidays—any binding engagement, I mean?"

"No-o-o, nothing except to tramp sidewalks and say 'Howdy' to every stranger who'll let me."

"Good! Then there's nothing in the way of our invitation. You see, we're having a houseful of company for the holiday week, and papa and mamma suggested that I ask you. Papa owns a ranch out West, and he says he knows how a stranger must feel in a city at Christmas time, and he thinks a man who can do what you're just doing will certainly be an acquisition to our party. And I may add we all feel the same way. You'll come? There is room in our machine."

Impulse nodded. He lacked words fitting to the occasion. A week at a house party! Gee! wouldn't that be stuff to tell the boys at the ranch. Start back the day after Christmas? Who? He? No, siree! That would be rank foolishness. Not till the last gun was fired.

So he walked out to the automobile with the girl, with never a thought of the emptied store behind, or of the beaming, misty-eyed man who could now stock up again without the painful skeleton of a creditor to glare at him over the goods. And as Dodd entered the automobile, one of the girls afterwards declared that she heard him murmur, "And pulled out a plum," though she could not understand why. It was just one of his funny ways.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
Mark Duvall, et al., Plaintiffs,
vs.
Harvey Duvall, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for purpose of dividing the proceeds among the parties interested herein, after the costs of this action have been deducted, including a reasonable attorney fee, and after paying the debts of the decedent, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve months the following described property, to-wit:

"On the headwaters of Cow branch, being lot No. 7 of the Miller survey and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in W. S. Liken's line of the Miller survey; thence with said line to said Liken's corner in his South line; thence West with said line to a corner now known as the Cast shon; thence with the marked line to a corner in the North line of the survey; thence with said line to the beginning containing 71 acres more or less, except that the mineral rights, O. I. and Coal rights under said land had been theretofore sold to William Daney, Deed of conveyance from John Duvall and wife, Lurena Duvall to the said S. T. Duvall, said land being of record in deed book No. 52 page 13, Ohio County Clerk's office.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

Barnes & Smith, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
S. J. Tichenor, et al., Plaintiff,
vs.
Theron Tichenor, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, for the purpose of dividing the proceeds among the parties as their respective interests appear in this judgment after the payment of the costs of this action, including an attorney fee, and costs herein, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the 1st. day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve months the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land in Ohio County, Kentucky bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on Main St., 293 feet from the intersection of Main and Howard Streets; running thence E. 130 feet to a stake; thence N. 28 feet to a stake; thence E. 165 feet to a stake; thence South 142 feet to Duncan Street; thence W. with Duncan street 330 feet to Main street; thence North with Main street to the beginning.

Being a portion of the land conveyed by E. F. Render and wife to E. B. and S. J. Tichenor on the 22nd. day of March, 1904, which deed is of record in deed book 35, page 42 Ohio County Clerk's office, and conveyed to Zelma D. Tichenor by S. J. Tichenor, et al. on October 17, 1908, deed of record in deed book 32, page 601 Ohio County Clerk's office.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

Heavrin & Heavrin & Otto C. Martin, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
W. L. Jackson, et al., Plaintiffs,
vs.
Mrs. Odie Jackson, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the purpose of dividing the proceeds among the parties interested herein, after the payments of the debts of the decedent, and after paying all costs of this action and costs herein, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve Months the following described property, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in the waters of Green river in Ohio County, Kentucky, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in B. T. Iglehart's line; thence N. 15 E. 80 poles; thence with James Bullock's line to a willow; thence N. 18 E. 67 poles to a stone in T. W. Ross's line; thence E. 56 poles to a stone in J.

P. Kittinger's line; thence S. 20 E. 67 poles with said line to a black gum J. H. Brown's corner; thence S. 80 poles with J. H. Brown's line to a white oak and hickory in B. T. Iglehart's line; thence W. 100 poles to the beginning, containing 80 acres more or less.

Coal and mineral reserved, conveyed to Mortgagee by B. F. Creel and wife on the first day of September 1911, recorded in deed book 56, page 76, Ohio County, Clerk's office.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

Heavrin & Heavrin & Otto C. Martin, and Rone & Howard Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
W. H. Martin, Plaintiff,
vs.
Mrs. Loretta Brown, Defendant.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the sum of \$200.00, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from the 11th. day of December 1920, until paid, and his costs herein, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve months the following described property, to-wit:

Situated and being in Ohio County, Kentucky, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a hickory in the West boundary line of Talcum Crowe, thence with said line South 4 E. 75 poles to two white oaks, said Crowe's Southwest corner; thence S. 71 W. 46 poles to a white oak; thence 68 W. 88 poles to a sweet gum and dogwood; thence N. 46 W. 36 poles to a stone on the South bank of a large thoroughfare, two beeches marked as pointers; thence N. 51 E. 13 poles to a large hickory and beech; thence S. 63 E. 25 poles to a white oak on a South hill side; thence N. 69 E. 86 poles to a stone 15 feet south of a drain; thence S. 67 E. 74 poles to the beginning, containing 84 acres, more or less, or sufficient thereof to produce the sum of money ordered to be made.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

Heavrin & Heavrin & Otto C. Martin, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
M. N. Hoops, et al., Plaintiffs,
vs.
George Hoops, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the purpose of dividing the proceeds between the several parties interested herein as their respective interest may appear, in this judgment, after all costs and attorney fees have been paid, and after paying the debts of said estate, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the 1st. day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve months the following described property, to-wit:

"Beginning at a white oak, two black oaks and three Hickories corner to lot No. 2, in the 814 acres bought of Commonwealth M. S. Neal &c., thence with said Neal's line 95 poles to three beeches and two white oaks; thence West with the line of No. 3, in tract 120 poles to four small Hickories; corner to lot No. 6; thence South with the line thereof to the beginning, containing 100 acres recorded in deed book No. 21, folio 568."

This being the same tract of land covered by Alexander Stringer and wife to Mrs. Polly Hoops as shown by record in the Ohio County Clerk's office, deed book 21, folio 568."

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

Kirk & Bartlett, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
Roy Crawford, Plaintiff,
vs.
William Underhill, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the purpose of dividing the estate among the parties interested as their respective interest may appear herein, after the payment of all debts against the estate; and after paying the costs of this action, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve Months the following described property, to-wit:

"Beginning at a stone on the old road-bed; thence running S. 89 E. 31 poles to a stone; thence S. 52 E. 210 poles to a stone in Stewart's line; thence with said Stewart's line N. about 25 E. 90 poles to a stone; thence N. 72 W. 140 poles to a stone; thence N. 66 W. 112 poles to a stone in Johnson's line on an old road-bed; thence with said road-bed S. about 35 E. 48 poles to the beginning containing about 130 acres, more or less except about 60 acres East of ford run creek which is deeded to P. H. Alford, and being land deeded to Mary M. Underhill, deceased and defendant William Underhill, her husband by Mary E. and Jobe Arnold, et al. on April 15th. 1915, as per deed recorded in

in other property, or applying them to the maintenance and education of the infant heirs, after the payment of all costs of this action, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January, 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve Months the following described property, to-wit:

"First: One tract on the waters of Ben's lick creek and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone, thence W. 537½ feet to a stone in L. B. Loney's line; thence South with said line 632½ yards to a stone; thence East 537½ feet to a stone; thence North 632½ yards to a stone, to the beginning, containing 20 acres, more or less. The Coal and Mineral having theretofore been sold and conveyed, deed to which is of record in deed book 49 page 506, Ohio County Clerk's office.

Second: Beginning at a stone Samuel Rowan's corner in L. B. Loney's line; thence with Rowan's line E. 178 feet and 10 inches to a stone; thence N. 122½ yards to a stone in line of Elijah Miller's heirs; thence with same West 178 feet and 10 inches to a stone; thence South 122½ poles to the beginning, containing 1½ acres, more or less. The ad and not conveyed.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

A. D. Kirk & Clarence Bartlett, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
Blanche Park, Wavy Park, Mary Park, his wife and Annie Park, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Marie Bratcher, Claude Bratcher, her husband, and Arlen Park, Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the purpose of dividing the proceeds among the parties interested, as interests may appear herein, after the payment of all costs, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve Months the following described property, to-wit:

"A certain tract of land in Ohio County, Kentucky, on Morrison's branch, and bounded as follows: to-wit: Beginning at a stone, corner to dower lot; thence S. 81 E. 105 poles to a white oak and elm; thence N. 11 E. to Morrison's branch; thence down said branch with its meanders to a sycamore stump, corner to the dower lot; thence with a line of same N. 67 E. 53 poles to a small ash and sycamore painter; thence with another line of said dower S. 22 W. 48 poles to the beginning, containing by estimation 65 acres.

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

A. D. Kirk & Clarence Bartlett, Attorneys.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Ohio Circuit Court, Kentucky
Roy Crawford, Plaintiff,
vs.
William Underhill, et al., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Ohio Circuit Court, rendered at the November Term, 1922, in the above cause for the purpose of dividing the estate among the parties interested as their respective interest may appear herein, after the payment of all debts against the estate; and after paying the costs of this action, I will offer for sale by Public Auction at the Court House door in Hartford, on Monday, the first day of January 1923, about 1 o'clock p. m., upon a credit of Six and Twelve Months the following described property, to-wit:

"Beginning at a stone on the old road-bed; thence running S. 89 E. 31 poles to a stone; thence S. 52 E. 210 poles to a stone in Stewart's line; thence with said Stewart's line N. about 25 E. 90 poles to a stone; thence N. 72 W. 140 poles to a stone; thence N. 66 W. 112 poles to a stone in Johnson's line on an old road-bed; thence with said road-bed S. about 35 E. 48 poles to the beginning containing about 130 acres, more or less except about 60 acres East of ford run creek which is deeded to P. H. Alford, and being land deeded to Mary M. Underhill, deceased and defendant William Underhill, her husband by Mary E. and Jobe Arnold, et al. on April 15th. 1915, as per deed recorded in

deed book No. 52 page 56 Ohio County Clerk's office."

The purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security immediately after sale.

This 13th. day of Dec. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner.

C. M. Crowe, Jno. T. Rone and A. D. Kirk, Attorneys.

OHIO CIRCUIT COURT

A. E. Peters, Admr. of the estate of Chas. Peters, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Notice

Roscoe Peters, et al., Defendants.

The above action having been referred to the undersigned commissioner for the purpose of settling the accounts with the administrator and ascertaining the debts against said estate, anyone having claims against the estate of Chas. Peters, deceased, will on or before the first day of February 1923, present and file same with the undersigned commissioner properly verified, at his office in Hartford, Ky.

This December 13th. 1922.

B. H. ELLIS,
Master Commissioner Ohio Circuit Court.

Nanz Floral Company, Owensboro, Ky., Funeral work a Specialty. Western Kentucky's old reliable florists, Mrs. J. I. Goodman, Commercial Hotel, agent for Hartford, Ky. 35-11

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OFFICIAL

CIRCUIT COURT

Convenes first Monday in March, May and July; third Monday in September and fourth Monday in November.

Each term continues 12 judicial days.

Judge—George S. Wilson, Owensboro.

Comth. Attorney—Glover H. Cary, Calhoun.

Clerk—Frank Black.

Master Commissioner—B. H. Ellis.

Trustee Jury Fund—L. B. Tichenor.

COUNTY COURT

Convenes first Monday in each month:

Judge—R. R. Wedding.

County Atty.—Otto C. Martin.

Clerk—Guy Ramsey.

Sheriff—G. A. Ralph; Deputies: Mack Cook, Iris Render, George P. Jones.

Jailer—Nathaniel Hudson.

QUARTERLY COURT

Judge—R. R. Wedding.

Convenes first Monday in each month.

FISCAL COURT

Convenes Tuesday after first Monday in January; first Tuesday in April and October, the County Judge presiding.

1st. District—J. P. McCoy, Hartford.

2nd. District—W. C. Knott, Centertown.

3rd. District—Q. B. Brown, Simons.

4th. District—J. R. Murphy, Fordsville.

5th. District—Sam H. Holbrook, Hartford, R. F. D. No. 4.

6th. District—Mack Martin, Narrows, R. F. D. No. 2.

7th. District—J. Walter Taylor, Beaver Dam, R. F. D. No. 3.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent—Mrs. I. S. Mason

Convenes first Monday in every month.—Mrs. I. S. Mason, S. S. O. C., and ex-official Secretary-Treasurer, R. A. Owen, Chairman, Hartford, R. F. D. No. 6.

W. R. Carson, Vice Chairman, Hartford, R. F. D. No. 3.

Nat. Lindley, Centertown, R. F. D. No. 1.

Otis Stevens, Beaver Dam.

Claud Renfrow, Dundee.

Examinations